

International Seminar on:

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Agenda

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Law, Religious Pluralism and Individual Rights: Perspectives from Iraq Italian Embassy, Baghdad, December 18th, 2016

09.30 – 10.00 Welcome and Opening Address: Ambassador Mr. Marco Carnelos, Ambassador of Italy to Baghdad

Mr. Gianludovico de Martino, Former President of the Interministerial Committee for Human Rights (CIDU), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Keynote speech: H.E Dr. Nasir al-Ani, President of the Diwan of the President of the Iraqi Republic

Introductory speech: Mr. Bakhtiar Amin, Former Minister of Human Rights, Baghdad

10.00 – 10.30 Session 1: Law, Religious Pluralism and Individual Rights

Chairman: Prof. Riccardo Redaelli, Director of the Center of Research on the Southern System and Wider Mediterranean (CRiSSMA), Catholic University of the S. Heart, Milan

Seyyed Salih Al Hakim, *President of Hikmeh Center for Dialogue and Cooperation* His Beatitude Louis Raphaël I Sako, *Patriarch of Chaldean Catholics*

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee Break*

11.00 – 12.00 Session 1: Law, Religious Pluralism and Individual Rights

H.E. Seyyed Aladdin Al Musawi, Chairman of the Shi'a Endowment Sheikh Mariwan Naqshbandi, KRG Ministry of Endowment & Religious Affairs Mrs. Nadia F. Maghamiss, Director General of Sabian Mandaean Affairs, Endowment of The Christians, Ezidian & Sabian Mandaean Religions Divan

12.00 – 13.00 Discussion and round-table interaction

13.00 – 14.00 *Buffet Lunch*

14.00 – 16.00 Session 2: Identity, Ethno-Sectarian Violence and Religious Freedom

Chairman: Mr. Gianludovico de Martino, Former President of the Interministerial Committee for Human Rights (CIDU), Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Speakers (in alphabetical order)

Dr. Abdulla Alyawi, Advisor to the President of Republic in Iraq

Hon. Dr. Jaber Al Jaberi, Adviser to the Speaker of Iraqi Council of Representatives and former member of the Parliament

Hon. Yonadim Kana, Member of Iraqi Council of Representatives Mr. Amir Al Kinani, Advisor to the President of Republic in Iraq

16.00 – 17.30 Discussion and round-table interaction



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Religious Pluralism and Plurality: Challenges and Possible Steps Forward Royal Tulip Al Rasheed Hotel, Baghdad, December 19th, 2016

10.00 – 10.30 Welcome and Opening Address: Dr. Paolo Maggiolini, Prof. of Regional Studies, Catholic University of the S. Heart, Milan

10.30 – 11.15 Session 3: Religious Pluralism and Diversity

Chairman: Dr. Andrea Plebani, *Prof. of History of Civilizations and Political Cultures, Catholic University of the S. Heart, Brescia*

H.E. Mrs. Safia Al Souhail, Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan

Dr. Ali Al Rufay'i, Former Dean of the Law Faculty, Baghdad University and Chairman of Civic movement

11.15 – 13.00 Session 3: Religious Pluralism and Diversity

Mr. Bakhtiar Amin, Former Minister of Human Rights, Baghdad

Fr. Amir Jaje OP, Consultor of the Pontifical Council for Interreligious Dialogue, Dominican Institute for Oriental and Islamic Studies (IDEO), Cairo

Dr. Martino Diez, Scientific Director, OASIS Foundation & Researcher, Catholic University of the S. Heart, Milan

Mr. Izzeddin Elzir, President UCOII, Florence

Dr. Rahim Abu Raghif, , thinker, researcher & writer

Wael Abd Al Latif, Former Governor of Basra, Former Minister of Provincial Affairs in the Iraqi Interim Government, Judge.

Discussion and round-table interaction

13.00 – 14.30 Buffet Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Session 4: "Not in God's name": Violence and Religion

Chairman: Mr. Bakhtiar Amin, Former Minister of Human Rights, Baghdad H.E. Sherwan Al Waili, Advisor to the President of Republic in Iraq, former National Security Minister and Former Member of Iraqi Council of Representatives

Mr. Cengiz Çandar, Distinguished Visiting Scholar at Stockholm University Institute for Turkish Studies (SUITS), writer, academic, columnist, Former Advisor to President Turgut Ozal, Turkey

Dr. Andrea Plebani, *Prof. of History of Civilizations and Political Cultures, Catholic University of the S. Heart, Brescia*

Sheikh Muhammad Abdulkarim Al Najim, Member of National Coalition.

Discussion and round-table interaction

Keynote speech: Hon. Dr. Abdul Razak Abdul Jalil al-Issa, *Minister of Higher Education and Scientific Research*

16.30 – 17.00 Concluding Remarks: Prof. Riccardo Redaelli, Director of the Center of Research on the Southern System and Wider Mediterranean (CRiSSMA), Catholic University of the S. Heart, Milan